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1. In October 1950, non-Asiatic men and women with red or brown hair were observed visiting the Hungarian Legation in Pyongyang. An inquirer learned that these persons, described as "volunteers", were doctors and nurses of a Hungarian field hospital who were treating wounded North Korean soldiers. They spoke a language which was not Russian.
2. These personnel were reported to have been in Sariwon earlier. They are believed to have retreated with the North Korean forces to danggye when the Communist withdrawal occurred.
3. Before the North Korean withdrawal from Pyongyang, a rumor was current there that 4,000 Hungarian volunteer soldiers were scheduled to come to the assistance of the North Koreans. The rumor was never confirmed.*

* Comment. The rumor is in line with reported formation of international "volunteer" forces to aid the North Koreans, rumored in other areas. A Hungarian hospital in Korea was reported in the press in October.

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